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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants(s) : A. M. MURCHING ET AL.
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For : A PROCESS TO EXTRACT REGIONS OF
HOMOGENOUS COLOR IN A DIGITAL PICTURE
Examiner : C. LAROSE
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY

May It Please The Honorable Board:

Sir:

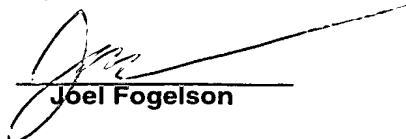
Applicants note that the Examiner's Answer mailed on December 27, 2004 contains two formal objections to the Applicants' brief.

The Examiner in section 6 of the answer states that the Applicants' brief is missing a Statement of the Issues section. Under the new rules for an appeal brief effective September 13, 2004, an appeal brief filed by an Applicant do not contain such a Statement of Issues section. The issues under appeal are now addressed in the Statement of Grounds of Rejection section of the appeal brief as required under these rules (see pages 2-3 of the Applicants' appeal brief).

The Examiner in section 7 of the answer states that the Applicants' brief is missing a Grouping of Claims section. Under the new appeal brief rules, the Grouping of Claims section is eliminated from an Applicant's appeal brief. The Grouping of the Claims section is now replaced with the Arguments section and the corresponding subheadings (see pages 3-5 of the Applicants' appeal brief).

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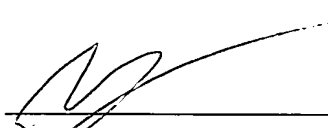

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Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the appeal brief is of proper form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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